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**PLENTY OF FISH
AT T WHARF.**

ALTHOUGH TRIPS ARE SMALLER
THAN USUALLY EXPECTED.
AT THIS SEASON.

Everything in the fish line comes in a heap, or seems to at any rate, for while T wharf only had a few fish yesterday, no less than 25 fares have arrived there since last report, 30 of them being at the pier this morning to sell.

Yesterday afternoon's arrivals comprised two off-shore craft, with a small catch, and three of the little cod netters.

This morning no less than a dozen are off-shores, although some of them are only from Cashes. The trips do not run large, although some are good sized ones all right. But, taken as a whole, the trips are not what is expected at this time of the year, for some crafts in expect to take their trips this time to Port Clyde to sell to the cannery, but instead of so doing, brought what the bad weather would let them get to T wharf for market.

About all the off-shore captains agree that the trip just completed has been a hard one and the weather about as bad as in the dead of winter. Beside this, they found fish comparatively scarce. The Provincetown sch. Frances V. Sylvia struck a good spot, and brought the largest fare, 76,000 pounds. Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, also has a good catch, 67,000 pounds of cod and haddock and 1600 pounds of halibut. The other off-shores have from 30,000 to 60,000 pounds, sch. Ethel B. Penney having the latter amount.

Of the market boats, schs. Gladys and Nellie, Elizabeth W. Nunan and George H. Lube have the largest catches, although several others have pretty good trips.

The market is off on haddock considerably, and there is also a noticeable drop in the other grades. Off-shore haddock brought from \$1.75 to \$2.25 and shores \$2.50 to \$3. Large cod went at \$4.75 to \$5.50 and hake at from \$3 to \$5. Pollock sold for \$3.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 1000 cod, 16,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 24,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. George H. Lube, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 11,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Cynthia, 50,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 1600 halibut.

Sch. Regina, 38,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 42,000 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Lucania, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 20,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 pollock, 400 halibut.

Sch. Athena, 2500 haddock, 18,000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 41,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Matchless, 35,000 haddock.

Sch. Manomet, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Emerald, 4000 haddock, 2200 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 14,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Valentina, 13,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3500 haddock, 800 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Diana, 2700 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Jeanette, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 23,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 16,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 33,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 8000 hake, 800 cusk.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 700 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 4000 cod.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Morning Star, 500 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1800 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 2300 cod.

Sch. Alice, 12,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Off-shore haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$2.50 to \$3; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2.25; pollock, \$3.50.

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**SHORE BOATS
PROSPERING.**

LANDING GOOD QUANTITIES OF
FISH DAILY, GETTING GOOD
PRICES.

The little shore boats which dodge in and out every day and fish in sight of land are still keeping up their good work and enjoying more of the prosperity which began to fall to their lot about March 1, after the hard winter had kept many of them close to their wharves for the biggest part of the time.

Yesterday afternoon these little fellows landed 30,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock, at the Fort and the dealers paid out to them more than \$1000 for their combined catch.

In addition to this the lake boats had another fine day and brought in 31,000 pounds of fresh fish, also mostly haddock, which were shipped to Boston and were on the market there this morning.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Etta Mildred, Capt. Asa McComisky, brought in a fine Georges handline fare, 30,000 pounds of salt cod and 1700 pounds of halibut.

With seiners and dory handliners and Rips fishermen fitting, it is pretty lively these days, along the water front.

Sch. Lillian arrived here this morning, from a Maine port, with a load of barrelled clams, for bait for the dory handliners.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, via Boston.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Little shore boats, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 1700 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Lillian, Maine port, cargo of barrelled salted clams, for bait.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Hortense, haddock.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, Boston.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, dory handlining.

Sch. Pauline, Georges handlining.

Sch. William H. Moody, Georges.

Sch. Flavilla, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$2.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10.

Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.

Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round \$1.

Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.

Halibut 12c per lb. for white and 9½c for grey.

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Southern Mackerel Fleet.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson is now fitting for south mackerel seining.

Capt. John A. McKinnon has started in to fit sch. Aloha and Capt. Charles Maguire is fitting sch. Marguerite Haskins.

Capt. John W. McFarland will begin to fit sch. Victor in a day or so and Capt. Norman A. Ross figures on starting to fit sch. Veda M. McKown a week from today.

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**SEINING FLEET HAS
HAD BAD WEATHER.**

But No Mackerel Has
Yet Been Sighted by
Any of the Vessels.

The southern mackerel seining fleet has been up against bad weather ever since the vessels left here. Nevertheless they have kept out on the ground, and cruised about, but thus far have seen no mackerel.

A few mackerel have been received at Fulton Market, New York, but they are from traps along shore, and from the locations where they were caught it would seem that the fish are quite well along to the northward.

A telegram last evening from the Times correspondent at Fortress Monroe, Va., states that sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, put in there yesterday afternoon for harbor. Capt. Devine reported that the weather had been bad since leaving here and that he had seen no fish.

Sch. George Parker will be one of the southern fleet. As soon as Capt. Rufus McKay, who is out in another craft, comes in he will fit her out.

Capt. James McLean is here and as usual, will go south mackerel seining in command of sch. Diana. The craft will go on the ways today, and Capt. McLean will begin to fit as soon as she comes off.

Mackerel from Traps Sent to Fulton Market.

Three mackerel were taken in a trap at Cape Charles on Saturday and were shipped to Fulton Market, being consigned to Eldred & Haley. The fish were small, going a pound apiece, which is just the kind of fish the mackerel men and skippers want to hear of coming along.

This morning there were more fresh mackerel at Fulton Market, a consignment of 50 in count coming to Chesbro Bros. from a trap at Crisfield, Maryland. These fish also went about a pound apiece, and that they were wanted all right is evidenced by the fact that they sold readily at 45 and 50 cents apiece.

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Fulton Market Fish Notes.

There was not as much business in the market last week as the wholesale commission men expected. Fish was scarce and high in price, with few exceptions, says the Fishing Gazette.

The first of the smack blues reached the market, and as the fish were large, all smack owners are looking for a big season.

Fresh mackerel should be in the market today if Capt. Sol. Jacobs equaled his record of last year. As the first smack bluefish were late, there is a chance that mackerel will also be a little behind time.

The butterfish which reached the market on the trawler Coquet sold the following day at 10c per pound. The fluke on the same vessel brought 6c per pound. The Coquet has sailed away. It is believed that she will soon return with more fish. Capt. Sheehy, her skipper, says he finds it profitable to bring the fish to this market.

There were nine cars of western white halibut in the market. Chesbro Bros., I. W. Robbins & Son, New England Halibut Company, and John Lambert, had two cars each. John Feeney had one car.

There was only one codfish smack at the market this week. She was the Annie Godfrey to I. W. Robbins & Son and Eldred & Haley. She carried 500 codfish.

Nearly all the bluefishing smacks are now in the south. The Irene and May, Capt. John Ericsson, and the Griswald I. Keeney, both belonging to Wallace & Keeney, will start in a day or two.

Codfish was high in price, market fish selling from 4c to 6c, while steak fish brought 6c to 10c.

Flounders are very plentiful, coming here from Long Island and Massachusetts. They are selling at 3c and 4c per pound.

Halibut—Western white fish brought 8½c to 9c. Eastern fish was quoted at 15c.

Haddock sold at 4c to 6c.

Pollock sold at 5c to 6c.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Several small fishing schooners arrived at Portland Sunday but on account of the rough weather of the past few days they reported small catches. Sch. Lochinvar came in with the largest fare, having a trip of 9000 pounds of mixed fish which were caught in the vicinity of Small Point. The crew of the schooner reported the wind blowing almost a gale and the seas rolling so high that it was practically impossible to fish.

The sch. Fanny Reed also came in during the day from a trip a short distance outside the harbor where she gathered in something like 2500 pounds of mixed fish.

The steam smack Lucretia was also an arrival Sunday, coming in with a trip of 900 lobsters consigned to S. A. Skillings & Son, the Commercial street dealers, while the smack Isa and Beulah came in with 1500 lobsters for N. F. Trefethen & Company the Portland pier dealers.

The smack men report the shortage of lobsters as about the same as it has been for several weeks past and that the price is ruling high.

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Saw No Pollock.

Sch. Grace Otis which came in yesterday from pollock seining, has been down to the Rips, but Capt. Joseph Graham reports that he saw no signs of pollock there and not even a small pod schooling.

Sch. Olga is fitting for a pollock seining trip under command of Capt. John Burton.

Sch. Carrie E. Lobstering.

The schooner boat Carrie E. is now engaged in lobstering along shore in this vicinity. She looks odd coming in with the lobster pots piled high on deck and her booms high up in the masts like a coaster with a deckload of wood.

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**POLLOCK STRUCK
OFF BOON ISLAND**

**STEAMERS JOPPAITE AND JEFF.
FREY MADE GOOD HAULS
THERE YESTERDAY.**

It looks as though pollock had "struck" at last. The fleet has been after them since February and have found them very scarce. They have scoured the coast from Mount Desert to Nantucket and the flips they have seen have been few, while the schools they have caught have been still fewer. But now, with the advent of a warm day or two, the sportive pollock has chosen to disport himself on top of water off Boon Island and some of them have been caught or were caught yesterday afternoon.

Steamers Joppaite and Jeffery were lucky crafts and made good paying hauls. Both crafts arrived here yesterday afternoon, the former with 35,000 pounds and the latter with 13,000 pounds, and there was as much excitement over their arrival, both up street and on the wharves as though a seiner was in with a fare of mackerel.

The Gloucester Fresh Fish Company bought the fare of the Jeffery, the first craft in, paying \$2.70 per hundred weight for the round fish, while the Joppaite, which came in not far behind her, sold her catch to Neal & McDonald at \$2.50 per hundred weight round. These were certainly fine prices and both crafts will do well on stock and share.

News of the pollock catches travels fast and without the slightest doubt there will be a big fleet at Boon Island and off York beach today, all looking to "wallop the pollock."

After cruising over a thousand miles back and forth over the pollock fishing grounds from Port Clyde to Nantucket, steamer Philomena, Capt. M. D. McKown, put in here yesterday afternoon. The captain reported just coming from the Rips and out around Nantucket, but had not seen a school. The Nantucket fishermen said it was too early for the pollock to be showing around the island.

The Philomena and Bessie M. Dugan made harbor at Nantucket and escaped Sunday's blizzard which was a tough one down that way. Capt. McKown left the Dugan on the Rips and came this way and saw no pollock coming along. He came in for coal and while here got the glad news of the fish striking down around Boon Island, so he hustled his coal in and got out in the night so as to be on the fishing grounds this morning.

SHORE BOATS AGAIN LUCKY.

LANDED SOME GOOD FARES AS RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S FISHING.

While there have been no arrivals from off-shore at this port, up to this morning, the little shore boats and steamers made another killing yesterday and in consequence of their good work they landed fully 125,000 pounds of fresh fish here yesterday afternoon about 100,000 pounds of which were taken out by the fresh fish concerns at the Fort.

Two fares of fresh pollock aggregated 52,000 pounds, the lake boats had 26,000 pounds about all of which were haddock and the Italian power boat fishermen and other small boats, which landed at the Fort, had fully 40,000 or 45,000 pounds, these too being about all haddock, with a few cod mixed in. All the boats got good prices and the boat fishermen added another paying day to their list which since the first of March is a long one.

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The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Steamer Joppaite, Boon Island, 38,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Steamer Jeffery, Boon Island, 13,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.

Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, shore.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 3400 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Shore boats, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jeannette, via Boston.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mina Swim, Rips.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Rips.

Sch. Selma, halibuting.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges handling.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.

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Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.

Halibut 12c per lb. for white and 9½c for grey.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

Sch. Reuben Eastman.

Had Good Haddocking Season.

Sch. Lucania came down from Boston during the night. Under command of Capt. Wallace Bruce and Capt. Martin L. Welch, who resumed command two or three trips ago, the craft has had a very successful haddocking season. Capt. Welch will now fix her up and fit out for south mackerel seining, intending to make one trip of it south and Cape Shore.

SMALL FLEET AT T WHARF.

MARKET IS DULL, ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL FISH RECEIPTS ARE NOT LARGE.

There is only a small fleet at T wharf this morning, and the total of the fish receipts is far from large, yet the market is dull and the goods are moving slowly, notwithstanding about everything in sight is shore stock.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson is the only off-shore craft in and she came after the market boats had sold, so what she got for her fish is not reported. The new sch. Eleanor DeCosta, one of the latest additions to the market fishing fleet, has a fine catch, 34,000 pounds, 30,000 pounds of which are haddock. All the boats in have pretty good fares.

Steamer Bryda F., which was down off Boon Island yesterday when the pollock struck, secured 9000 pounds, and sold them this morning to good advantage.

Shore haddock opened at from \$2.35 to \$3.35, large cod, \$4 to \$5.50, pollock \$3 to \$3.25 and hake \$3.50 to \$5.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Yankee, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1300 hake, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7600 haddock, 4000 cod, 500 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Nokomis, 3000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Eya Anna, 1000 cod.

Str. Bryda F., 9000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 16,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 22,000 hake 7000 cusk.

Sch. Emily Cooney.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3500 cod.

Sch. Marion, 800 cod.

Haddock, \$2.35 to \$3.35 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; pollock, \$3 to \$3.25; cusk, \$2; hake, \$3.50 to \$5.

Portland Fish Notes.

Outside of the small boats, the only fish brought in Monday were 5000 on the steamer Carrie and Mildred and 5000 on the sch. Leo, a Boston craft, that has been fishing off the Cape.

Hake are extremely scarce at the present time though cod and haddock are being caught in large numbers by both the Portland and Boston fishermen. The price paid Monday here was from \$2 to \$3.50, according to the size of the fish.

Word has been received here that sch. Marjie Turner left Rose Blanch, N. F., Saturday for this port with 180,000 pounds of salt fish. This is the largest fare brought to this port in a number of years. As the fish are coming from a treaty port, no duty will be levied on them. They are for Lord Bros.

Will Try New Method of Fishing.

Sch. Teazer of the fresh halibut fleet, is having a gasoline engine installed for auxiliary power and also for the hauling of her long line trawls with which she will be equipped next trip. It is Capt. Dunsy's plan to fish as do the English trawlers which go to Iceland—with long lines of trawls, set from the vessel, and also hauled from the same by motor power, thus doing away with the use of dories, although for the first trip or so he will probably take his dories along.

Good Halibut Stock.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, stocked \$2942 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$83 clear. Capt. Greenleaf is doing finely.

Will Have Gloucester Crew.

The well known down-east sloop Minerva will go south mackerel netting this season with a Gloucester master and crew among whom will be Jack and Anthony Morash, Capt. William Corkum and Daniel Grady.

Will Try Pollock Seining.

Capt. George Hodsdon will now fit the big gasoline auxiliary knockabout sch. Benjamin A. Smith for pollock seining and later will go to the Cape Shore for mackerel.

SCH. AUXILIARY LOST JIB.

Had Severe Experience in Storm of Sunday.

Sunday's spring blizzard bothered some of the fishermen. Capt. Manuel Enos of the sch. Annie Perry had no jib on his vessel when he reached T wharf, Boston, and the two bobstays were also gone. Capt. Enos started for Boston Saturday night. The snow blinded the men on deck, and the huge waves were dashed over bow and sides of the vessel. Twice he was obliged to turn back for safety. The first time he had got between Minots and Boston lights, but he did not dare run for the opening of the harbor, and tacked offshore. About four hours later he tried it again, and found himself not far from the Graves. Again he was obliged to put out. He got in early yesterday morning.

While he was battling with the seas, the jib on Capt. Enos vessel was torn into shreds. When a couple of men went out on the bowsprit to tear away a part of it that was dragging, they discovered that the two bobstays were gone. The bowsprit withstood the strain and was still in the vessel when she got in.

Sch. Terra Nova, Capt. John Hickey, went through nearly the same experience as the Annie Perry, but did not lose her jib.

First Bluefish of the Season.

The first smack bluefish of the season reached Fulton Fish Market, New York, last Wednesday from Norfolk, Va. They were the catch, of the smack Faustina, owned by Chesebro Bros., and the fish came to that firm. There were 400 of them all told, all large, fine stock, which give promise of a first-class bluefish season. They sold at 25 cents per pound.

The first smack bluefish reached Fulton Fish Market last year on March 30. There were 20,000 small ones, making 80 barrels. They were also caught by the Faustina, of which Capt. Frederick Anderson is skipper. They sold at 11 to 12 cents per pound.

Fish Scarce on LaHave and Brown's Bank.

The captains of the off-shore haddockers which went to the eastward last trip and arrived yesterday, the most of them with small catches, report the unusual occurrence of finding fish scarce on LaHave bank and Brown's at this time of year. They had considerable bad weather, but even at that when they did have a chance to set they found very poor fishing. This was not the case with one or two crafts but with the whole big eastern fleet generally.

Fitting for Rips Fishing.

Capt. Percy Firth is fitting sch. Eg-lantine for Rips fishing.

Sch. Eugenia has been hauled out of haddocking and Capt. John Williams has fitted her for a season Rips fishing. Capt. John Amero is fitting sch. Thalia for the same line of fishing.

Capt. William Forbes has fitted out sch. Fannie E. Prescott, instead of sch. Muriel as was stated some time ago. He will go a couple or so trips Rips fishing and will then fit for dory handling.

Report Was Incorrect.

The report which came here from Boston some 10 days ago that sch. Slade Gorton of this port was in at Port Clyde, Me., with a big trip of cod and haddock was not correct. Capt. Heckman's craft arrived at T wharf, yesterday, having been down to LaHave bank with the rest of the fleet which found such poor fishing and had not been in anywhere with a fare since leaving here on the voyage just finished.

Discharged From Portland Hospital.

Daniel Orchard, one of the crew of a fishing vessel from this port, which put into Portland during the winter, and who was sent to the Marine Hospital at the time with his hand badly crushed, has recovered from his injuries and left for Boston Monday.

Bait Scarce at Boothbay, Me.

There has been a little fresh bait reported at Boothbay Harbor, Me., but sch. Ellen C. Burke which went down there for a baiting was unable to secure any.

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Would Pack Dogfish.

An Eastport packing firm consults The Coast-Guard as to the advisability of coming here to can dogfish for the American market in case reciprocity is secured.—Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast-Guard.

SALT BANK TRAWL CODFISHERMEN.

FLEET HAVE NOW ALL SAILED AND NUMBER 23 VESSELS THIS SEASON.

The salt bank trawl codfishing fleet has now all sailed from this port, the first craft getting away February 3 and the last on March 31. The fleet this season numbers 23 sail, included in this number being sch. Ella G. King which is on a Newfoundland treaty coast codfishing trip and which will use trawls. The fleet this season is much larger than that of last season, when the first trip list included but nine sail. At present, as far as known, the entire fleet is fishing on the Peak or off Rose Blanche, N. F. The weather has been generally bad since the fleet started and reports from them have been very indefinite, although good fishing has been reported off the latter place and some of the crafts on the peak got two or three big days when they first got on the ground.

The list of vessels comprising the fleet, with their skippers and date of sailing is as follows:

Sch. Helen G. Wells, Capt. John Hackett, sailed February 9.

Sch. Independence II, Capt. John McInnis, sailed February 17.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, sailed February 17.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Peter Porthier, sailed February 21.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, sailed February 23.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred Morrissey, sailed February 23.

Sch. Mystery, Capt. Charles Rudolph, sailed February 25.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred LeBlanc, sailed February 28.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. Angus Hines, sailed February 28.

Sch. Blanche, Capt. Michael Smith, sailed March 1.

Sch. Theodore, Roosevelt, Capt. James Wise, sailed March 2.

Sch. Premier, Capt. William Morrissey, sailed March 2.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Peter Doucette, sailed March 4.

Sch. Acadia, Capt. Walter Doucett, sailed March 4.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, Capt. Stayley Hines, sailed March 9.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Hiram Forbes, sailed March 9.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. William Larkin, sailed March 9.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Vincent Nelson, sailed March 17.

Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley, sailed March 17.

Sch. Ella G. King, Capt. Allen Evans, sailed March 17.

Sch. Georgie Campbell, Capt. Thomas Flannagan, sailed March 20.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Clifford Vanamberg, sailed March 21.

Sch. Elizabeth N., Capt. Daniel Mahar, sailed March 31.

BOSTON FISH MERCHANT DEAD.

President of Boston Fish Bureau Stricken With Apoplexy.

F. L. Clements of the well known Boston commission house of Barclay, Clements & Co., died suddenly at 8 o'clock this morning at his home in Roxbury at the age of about 60 years. News of his demise was telephoned to T wharf and the flags were immediately half masted throughout the fish concerns there and on Atlantic avenue.

The deceased was well known in this city by all in the fish business, having had business relations with them for many years. He had not been feeling well for a few days, but yesterday was so much improved that he was down to his place of business. This morning he arose and was stricken suddenly, passing away almost immediately.

He was president of the Boston Fish Bureau.

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Will Command Sch. Madonna.

Capt. Uriah Firth is going dory handling in sch. Madonna instead of sch. Judique as at first reported. Capt. Byron Doucette will command sch. Judique in salt bank trawling.

Lunenburg Schooner Has Good Fare.

J. B. Young of Lunenburg arrived at Halifax recently from the Banks with 30,000 pounds of fresh haddock and 75 quintals of codfish.

For Cape North Trip.

Capt. William Corkum is fitting sch. Romance for a Cape North fresh and salt shacking trip.

Rips Fleet Getting Underway.

The Rips fleet is getting quite a move on. Already 7 of these "drifters" have sailed and others will get away before the week is over. Next week will see the bulk of the fleet getting under way.

Those which have sailed to date are schs. Corsair, Good Luck, Olympia, Boyd and Leeds, E. C. Hussey, Mina Swim and Fannie E. Prescott.

Sch. Flavilla, which has been market fishing all winter, has been overhauled at this port and has fitted for Rips fishing under command of Capt. Dobson.

Capt. Asa McComisky will fit out sch. Etta Mildred for Rips fishing.

Capt. Albert Goodwin, who is going out in command of sch. William H. Rider for one trip drifting, will take sch. Etta Mildred when he comes in again and Capt. McComisky will shift over into the Rider.

Thought Fish Had Wondrous Vitality.

Talk about vitality—well, the codfish, according to the men on Commercial wharf, has all the other members of the finny tribe "skun a mile." At least, that is what the men there thought one day last week until they learned the true facts in the case.

Among the fish brought in by one of the fishermen to C. A. Studley's was a cod. When it was landed on the wharf, the fish, which weighed 18 pounds, was seen to flap his tail. That was nothing remarkable but when the man who caught him said the cod had been landed the day before, the eyes of those about bulged out in amazement. It developed, however, that the cod was alive when taken off the trawl, was placed in a trap over night and so taken out alive from the water the day it was brought in.

Former Gloucester Fisherman Died at Pensacola.

Frank Friend, aged 65, a Pensacola snapper fisherman and well known at this port from which he has also fished died last week at the sanitarium in that city, after a few days' illness. He had been failing in health, however, for some time. The Fishermen's Benevolent Association, of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body. His native place was Sedgwick, Me. He leaves no near relatives. Mr. Friend came to Florida two years ago when the sch. Henrietta Martin was bought by the E. E. Saunders Company, from this port. Later he went north again, but returned when sch. Ida M. Silva was bought by Pensacola dealers last fall and sailed for there from this port.

Captured Large Porpoise.

A large porpoise, measuring about five feet long, was brought in by the fishing sch. Isabell which docked at T wharf, Boston, Monday. This is the first porpoise landed for many months, and was caught only after a most thrilling experience by two members of the Isabell, named Foge and Bennett.

While in a dory off Plymouth they felt something tugging at their net. It was discovered upon investigation that it was a porpoise.

The fish fought hard for its freedom and pulled the dory containing the men a distance of four miles before they finally killed it by a blow on the head. Both seamen said it was the liveliest ride they ever had.

Salt Bank Dory Handliners.

Thus far five of the salt bank dory handline codfishing fleet have sailed. schs. Tattler, Athlete, Flirt, Harry A. Nickerson and Fannie A. Smith. Schs. Gladiator and Hiram Lowell have gone from here to Bucksport, Me., to fit out.

Several more are about ready here, while others are fitting. The fleet will not approach in size that of last season.

Provincetown Marine Notes.

Sloop Vesta parted chain and went ashore at Editor Grozier's place Tuesday night during the southeast gale. The sloop had sail broken and lost main boom and gaff and one anchor. Some small boats were damaged by the gale.

Sch. Mattakesett of Boston, which went ashore some time ago at the ocean shore, partly floated in the gale Tuesday night and headed off shore.

Alewives Coming for Bait.

Alewives are coming in quantities sufficient to allow fishermen to use them freely for bait. About 100 barrels of alewives from Edgartown and along the Cape were received at T wharf Monday also a large shipment from New York. The fish are none too cheap, but the price is within the reach of the fishermen.

Gold Codfish.

A gold codfish 18 inches long that tips the scales at just four pounds was at T wharf recently. It was brought in by sch. Mary C. Santos of Provincetown from Georges' banks. It looked just like any ordinary cod except that it was of a reddish, golden hue.

Fisherman Drowned.

Sch. Marguerite, Capt. Freeman Himmelman, of Lunenburg, N. S., is reported to have lost a man on the way from Halifax to the banks. The unfortunate seaman was Arthur Nilfort, of Rose Bay. It is understood that he was washed off the mainboom while reefing the sail.

New Fresh Fish Concern.

There is still another fresh fish concern at the Port now. Antonio Levado, who comes from New York recently opened up a place on the end of the Frank Stanwood wharf, just to the eastward of the Butler heirs wharf.

For Cape North Shacking Trip.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, after a most successful haddocking season, will now fix up and get ready for a Cape North fresh and salt cod shacking trip.

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Going After Flitched Halibut.

Sch. Oregon, Capt. Albert Flygare, has taken her salt for her flitched halibut trip.

Capt. Axel Laager, who has commanded sch. Grayling all winter in the Georges handline fishery, will now fit that craft for a flitched halibut trip to the northward.

Sch. S. P. Willard will go on a flitched halibut trip this season under command of Capt. Carl Adams.

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Irish Herring Glut Market.

There is little short of a glut in the herring market and as is inevitable under such conditions prices are demoralized. In fact, it is hard to get bids, except on the upper Holland, Scotch and English grades. The present state of the trade is due largely to the heavy invoices of Irish herring now being thrown upon the United States market. One steamer last week brought no less than 3400 cases, almost 1900 barrels, and about 2350 half barrels—sure proof of a lack of demand for them on the other side. In addition, unfortunately, the condition of the fish does not average nearly as high as several weeks ago.

Claimed Jettisoned Fish.

Alone and friendless, 120 barrels of salted fish have been made defendants in a suit in the United States district court by the Alaska Commercial Co. The fish are part of the cargo of sch. Allen A., which was wrecked on Kadiak, Alaska, in December, 1910, and the cargo jettisoned. Unknown persons rescued the 120 barrels and shipped them to the West Coast Grocery Co. at Tacoma. Now comes the Alaska Commercial Co. and claims the fish, which is valued at \$1500. The grocery company refuses to surrender the goods.

Lockeport, N. S., Cold Storage Plant.

A new cold storage fish plant has been completed at Lockeport, N. S., the officers of which are nearly all Americans. The company will supply fishermen with bait, buy and deal in fish of every kind, except salt fish. Two 8-knot knockabout fishing boats, 18 men, and a steamer to buy and deliver fish and fish products at the factory, have been ordered in the United States. The smokehouse has a daily capacity of 40,000 pounds and will be one of the features of the plant.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Halifax Fish Stock Small.

A trade report from Halifax, last week, states that the amount of fish in the hands of local houses is the smallest ever known at this season of the year, and that everybody is satisfied that long before the new cure is on the market nothing will be left beyond contract orders. It adds that dealers are inclined to hold their supplies for customers, believing that otherwise they would not have enough to carry them through.

Will Go to the Cape Shore.

Sch. Priscilla Smith will go to the Cape Shore on a mackerel seining trip, this coming season, in command of Capt. William Bissert, Capt. William J. Corkum, who has commanded the craft since she was built and owned a half interest in her, has disposed of his part of the craft to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, which own the other half.

PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN MAY FORM COMBINATION.

The Fleet to Consolidate With Common Wharf and Other Business Interests.

Would Control 35 of the Finest Craft Hailing From This Port.

A plan of a very large magnitude, which has for its object the bringing together under one head of certain local fishing interests, controlling separately today, in its various component parts, some 35 fine fishing vessels, and which has been under serious consideration of those interested for about a year, has now reached a point where active steps toward the consummation of the idea are soon to be expected.

So far along have the plans advanced that it is understood that the necessary legal papers are now in process of preparation.

The plan is simply for the consolidation of the Portuguese fleet of this port, with a common wharf, a mutual insurance company of its own, its own sail loft, rigging loft, outfitting store, supply department and general office, also, in a certain way, the handling of what fish the said fleet may land at this port, which may take the form of selling to various firms without favor, or to the taking in of the fish, should the prices offered be not satisfactory.

The idea is not a new one. Leading Portuguese skippers, who number in their ranks some of the biggest money savers of all the fleet sailing from this port, have been quietly talking the matter over for more than a year. They figured that money could be saved and money made by concentrating their va-

rious interests, by coming together with a common wharf, a common fitting out place, in fact, by having a sort of concern in which all should be interested and benefit from.

At present it is understood that the plans have so far progressed that certain wharf properties are being looked over with a view to purchase or lease, and that many of the Portuguese skippers are ready to go ahead and put money into the plan.

The idea is to issue stock and have each of the 35 skippers take a certain amount or over that, should they see fit, in the co-operative concern. It is known that some of the leaders are willing and anxious to go ahead, believing that the establishment of such a concern would be for the best interest of all the Portuguese skippers and owners of the port.

The Portuguese own a splendid lot of vessels, all market fishermen of the latest design, and their success is well known. Their plan, as outlined above, they look upon as a purely business arrangement, whereby they can increase their efficiency and business success at a decreased cost of running the fleet as a whole.

Should the plans mature, such a concern, with its central office and business corps, its own wharf and outfitting and insurance departments and its fleet of 35 as fine fishing vessels as there are afloat, would surely be a very strong factor in the fishery life of the New England coast and also a prominent figure in the fisheries industry of this port.

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Salt Mackerel Market Steady.

A steady market is to be noted for salt mackerel, the stocks being in comparatively few hands. The strong tendency to neglect the Irish product, which is not cured and prepared with anything like the care and good sense that Norway packers have exerted for years. As a result, the Norway catch is in increasing request, which reacts upon the product of other countries. There is hardly a day that New York commission merchants do not receive cablegrams from the Irish packers offering the most liberal terms, but the Celtic producers must learn to take more pains in their processes if they are to even hold their own against the Scandinavians.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Capt. John E. Gorman Back from Florida.

Capt. John E. Gorman, of Somerville, formerly of this city, who has been at Florida the past winter in the interest of the S. L. Storer Company of Fulton Market, New York, was here yesterday renewing acquaintances and getting a line of what crafts are going seining and netting this season. He will return to Fulton Market today and remain there until the fleet begins to land at Newport, when he will take up his headquarters at the latter place. Capt. John has a host of friends here and all along the line who are always glad to greet his cheerful countenance.

High Prices Energize Lunenburg.

A Lunenburg, N. S., dispatch says: "The high price of fish together with the prospects of still higher prices through the reciprocal relations about to be consummated between Canada and the United States, has caused unusual energies in connection with the fishing industry in Lunenburg. Already about 70 vessels have cleared for the fishing grounds, and the remainder of the fleet is being speedily equipped for the Grand Banks."

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American Agents Purchased Newfoundland Fish.

The Newfoundland western coast bankers have finished their spring trip, which began very early this year, some crafts starting on February 1st off Channel, and some 20 in all being engaged, besides many smaller boats and some halibut catchers. The voyage was unusually successful, the catch being above last year's, but owing to the intense cold and frequent storms, the crews suffered greatly, many being so badly frosted as to have to be put on the sick list.

The "grounds" teemed with cod and halibut during the season and fine takes were made daily, and the agent of an American concern bought all these, fresh, that he could secure and shipped them to America. Most of our vessels though declined to sell, but Capt. Kennedy of sch. Gertrude, and one or two others made \$600, apiece in their way from two "sets" of their trawls.

The best catch for local crafts was sch. Valeria, of Belieoram, which got 1200 qtls. fishing from February 1st, while sch. Grace Tibbo, of Grand Bank, took 800. The others ranged from 500 to 300 qtls. and for the fleet the average is 400, an excellent start for the year. The vessels are now returning to unload and refit, when they will start on their "herring trip." Gloucester vessels already on the west coast banks report fish in abundance, but weather adverse.

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Many Made Another Market Trip.

Some of the skippers of the offshore haddockers are thinking seriously of making another market trip, with fresh bait, before getting ready for the Cape North shack trip.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Marion Turner was at Yarmouth, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Yakima was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.